## **Nebraska Digital Talking Books Collection**

#### DB 11 The Holy Bible (RSV, Catholic Bible, NT)

The Holy Bible New Testament - Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition; Truth and Life Dramatized Audio Bible is a first of its kind, brilliantly-produced, deeply inspiring, spiritually and artistically rich audio Bible that is endorsed by the Vatican, with a foreword by Pope Benedict XVI. It elegantly blends voices, sound effects and an original music score to create an aural environment that will totally immerse you in the Scriptures. The literal (word for word) English RSV-CE New Testament is 'performed' for you in radio drama style. From Chicago to Hollywood to New York and beyond, 20 audio engineers in 10 studios, over 3 continents contributed to the creation of this unique audio New Testament. Also, more than 100 media development experts and 10,000 production hours were needed to complete this ambitious project that is 'performed' by more than 70 actors including international stars: Neal McDonough as 'Jesus,' Julia Ormond as 'Mary, Mother of God,' Blair Underwood as 'Mark,' Stacy Keach as 'John,' Michael York as 'Luke,' Brian Cox as 'The Voice of God,' Sean Astin as 'Matthew,' Kristen Bell as 'Mary Magdalene, ' Malcolm McDowell as 'Caiaphas,' and John Rhys-Davies as the Narrator. The complete audio New Testament is 22 hours in length.

#### DB 506 Complete Roadside Guide to Nebraska by Alan Boye

This second edition represents a major enlargement and revision of the first edition. It is a comprehensive guide to Nebraska, covering over 12,000 miles in all 93 counties. Includes the location of Indian battle sites, burials, unusual geological formations, pioneer roads, parks, museums, folklore tales, and thousands of other sites.

# DB 538 Weather and Climate of Nebraska by Nebraskaland Magazine

Explains Nebraska's weather and climate--its awesome power and beauty.

**DB 570 Fighting Liberal: The Autobiography of George W. Norris by George W. Norris** Famous Nebraska politician who served from 1903 until 1943 describes his own forty-year career in the U.S. Congress. His political philosophy, a mixture of Populism, Christianity, and the New Deal, placed the distinguished Senator from a conservative state in the best liberal tradition.

# DB 602 Nebraska Moments: New Edition by Donald R. Hickey, Susan A. Wunder, and John R. Wunder

Authors write about Nebraska places, events, personalities, and institutions, including the Oregon Trail, Forts Kearny and Robinson, the rise of Omaha, the celebrated architecture of the Capitol building, the world's largest area of sand dunes and of planted forest, the High Plains Aquifer, the establishment of Boys Town and Offutt Air Force Base, Gerald Ford-the first native Nebraskan president, the assassination of Malcolm X, the University of Nebraska five-time national championship football team, and the opening of the Kearney Arch over Interstate 80. Revised and expanded from the first edition. For high school and adult readers.

#### DB 634 Tickley Tiger by Garnett Tremain Bond

Jungle animals conspire to stop tiger from laughing so much. In the process, the animals learn to value each other's differences.

#### DB 635 The Inventions of Mr. Tinkers-A-Lot by Garnett Treiman Bond

Inventor loves to make people happy. He borrows the song of a wren to communicate his greatest idea - love.

#### DB 646 On Solid Ground by Tom Osborne

Tom Osborne, head football coach at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, tells his personal story about a season when everything went right on the field, but not so smoothly off the field. His faith and personal philosophy are brought into sharp focus.

# DB 684 One Final Pass: The Brook Berringer Story by Arthur L. Lindsay with Jan Berringer

Life of Nebraska Cornhusker quarterback killed in plane crash in 1996. Shows his life as full of perseverance and success on and off the field.

#### DB 697 Walks the Fire: Prairie Winds, Book 1 by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Captured by the Lakota Sioux on a Nebraska prairie, Jesse King wonders how she will adjust to life among the Indians. As she prays for sustaining faith, she discovers God's tender mercies in her friendship with an Indian woman and her love for a Sioux brave.

# **DB 729** The Good Green Witch from Ipswitch by Garnett Treiman Bond Children's story about good witch who fights pollution.

## DB 760 Soaring Eagle: Prairie Winds, Book 2 by Stephanie Grace Whitson

After the Battle of Little Big Horn, newly widowed Lisbeth Kind Bard returns to Lincoln, only to discover that her mother is also gone. Grieving, she must pick up the threads of life and begin again. Second book in Prairie Winds series.

# DB 761 Red Bird: Prairie Winds, Book 3 by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Carry treasures the memory of the first time she saw Soaring Eagle. Though she was only a small girl, she adored his wildness and freedom—and loved his gentle heart. Now, as she graduates from high school, Carrie prays that he will finally see her as an adult woman he could love and marry. Third book in Prairie Winds series.

**DB 810 Nebraska Magazines on Cartridge by Nebraska Talking Book and Braille Service** Recorded catalog describes the digital magazines offered by the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service to supplement the national collection.

DB 913 Abilene Lawmen: The Smith-Hickok Years, 1870-71 by Larry Underwood

Two lawmen set out to protect the West's first cow town, Abilene, Kansas, from lawless cowboys that arrived with the Texas cattle herds. The first lawman, Bear River Tom Smith, preferred to use his fists. His successor, Wild Bill Hickok, used his smoking guns.

#### DB 927 On the Trail of the Pony Express by Jerry Ellis

The author retraces the 2100-mile trail of the Pony Express--a journey he undertakes by foot, horseback, covered wagon, hitchhiking, and canoe. Written in the present tense from diary entries, his account is filled with unforgettable friendships and experiences.

#### **DB 930 Local Wonders by Ted Kooser**

Organized around the four seasons, this books uses humor and exquisite detail to describe the place the author calls home--the Bohemian Alps of Southeastern Nebraska. At times recalling his Iowa childhood, Nebraska poet and author Ted Kooser celebrates quiet walks in the country, subtle beauty in the landscape, and the ways in which his neighbors care for each other.

#### DB 941 Love, Sex and Tractors: The Eternal Triangle by Roger Welsch

Nebraska humorist and self-proclaimed tractor nut delves into the fine art of maintaining a healthy relationship with one's spouse and family.

## DB 974 Secrets on the Wind: Pine Ridge Portraits, Book 1 by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Two cavalry soldiers come upon a burnt-out settler's dugout and discover a lunatic woman hiding under a trap door. They carry her to Fort Robinson, where a kind old woman nurses her back to health. She has suffered a great deal and distrusts all men. Though she seems indifferent to all who try to help her, eventually she begins her journey to faith. Pine Ridge Portraits Series, #1.

**DB 975** Watchers on the Hill: Pine Ridge Portraits, Book 2 by Stephanie Grace Whitson Charlotte Valentine was once a flirtatious beauty in search of an army officer for a husband. But the events in her life have changed her into a person in desperate need of a safe haven, which she hoped to find upon her return to Fort Robinson. With the unexpected appearance of two former beaus, she can only trust God to heal her wounds and to move forward in faith. Pine Ridge Portraits Series #2.

# DB 976 Valley of the Shadow: Dakota Moons, Book 1 by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Near the time of the Dakota Sioux uprising of 1862, Genevieve LaCroix reluctantly leaves her widowed French father to live at Renville Mission in order to further her education. Her loyalty is torn between her Sioux family and culture and the people she has grown to love at the mission. The minister's wife dies in childbirth, and more hardships take place when Sioux rise up against their white neighbors. As the violence subsides, Gen finds her faith has grown. Dakota Moon Series, #1.

DB 977 Edge of the Wilderness: Dakota Moons, Book 2 by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Having survived the Dakota Sioux uprising of 1862, Genevieve LaCroix is caregiver for the widowed minister's children as well as an orphaned baby. Though the minister proposes marriage to her, Gen is bereaved upon hearing that Daniel Two Stars has died. Trying to reconcile the Sioux and the whites and to cope with her own pain, Gen joins with the minister in missionary work with the captive Sioux who are suffering and starving at the notorious Camp McClellan. Dakota Moons Series #2.

DB 982 Heart of the Sandhills: Dakota Moons, Book 3 by Stephanie Grace Whitson With the 1862 Sioux Uprising behind them, Daniel Two Stars and Genevieve LaCroix are finally husband and wife, living as renters on a small parcel of ancestral land in the Minnesota Sandhills. Racial tensions hinder reconciliation with their white neighbors. In spite of Genevieve's protests, Daniel accepts another stint as an army scout. Book three in Dakota Moons Series.

DB 995 The Man from Boot Hill: Man from Boot Hill, Book 1 by Marcus Galloway Nick Graves seeks out honest work as a grave digger and casket maker in the western plains town of Jessup, Nebraska, where the law is corrupt and violence rules. A former gun slinger, Nick hopes to make a fresh start but is confronted by a vengeful deputy and by Nathan Skinner, a man from his dark past who is deadly with a Bowie knife. Nick faces the prospects that the next funeral may be his own. Contains violence and strong language.

#### DB 996 No One Ever Asked Me by Hollis D. Stabler

A Native American veteran recounts his experiences growing up in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma, before engaging in combat during World War II in Tunisia, Morocco, Italy, and France, and enduring the loss of his brother. Upon returning home to Nebraska as a decorated war veteran, he felt the estrangement of living in two worlds. After graduating from Friends University, he pursued a successful career as an educator. Contains explicit descriptions of sex.

# **DB 1013 Play Action by Jack Botts**

The Russian Mafia buys a New Jersey jeweler's debt paper in order to coerce his help in robbing an international shipment of diamonds. In trying to substitute his own plan, the jeweler lays out a trail of deception half-way around the world, including the Sahara, and ends up in a desperate struggle for survival in Idaho's Bitter Root Mountains.

# DB 1020 The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan

Horrific account of life on the western Great Plains during the darkest years of the Depression, when drought and wind storms produced blinding black blizzards, crop failure, and even death. Based on interviews with survivors, diaries, and newspaper accounts, this book chronicles the dust bowl years of the 1930s that terrorized communities and the determination of those who stayed.

DB 1022 A Garden in Paris: Garden in Paris, Book 1 by Stephanie Grace Whitson

After the death of her wealthy husband, Mary Davis seeks a solution to her emptiness and to the growing distance between herself and her daughter, Liz. Stumbling upon a framed motto in an antique store, "It's never too late to be what you might have been," she mails a letter to Jean-Marc David, an old flame, in care of his parents who live in Italy, hoping that he will join her in their special garden in Paris on Christmas Eve. Her daughter follows her to Paris, where she discovers her mom has turned into a free-spirited woman. However, Liz cannot accept her mother's efforts to rekindle her first love.

#### DB 1023 A Hilltop in Tuscany: Garden in Paris, Book 2 by Stephanie Grace Whitson

With her widowed mother at last settling into a new life in Paris, Liz Davis returns to Omaha in order to oversee her father's business. The comforting familiarity of home is disrupted when she finds disturbing information on his computer. Also, her fiancé has been offered a job promotion in California, even while an office intern is showing interest in her. Torn by conflicting emotions, Liz finds herself back at her mother's doorstep. Sequel to A Garden in Paris (DB 01022).

#### **DB 1024 The Brother by Jack Barron**

A devotional novel about Jerry Johnson, a thirty-six-year-old ranch hand from Broken Bow, Nebraska, who moves to a small county seat in Kentucky where he lives for three years and then dies. Six individuals tell in their own words how Jerry's short time with them changed their lives.

## **DB 1025 Summer of Discovery by Melody Herr**

May 1939. Ben and David, two teenagers living in western Nebraska during the dustbowl, spend their summer as archaeologists unearthing the story of the Great Plains peoples. Bones, caves, arrowheads, and buried cities provide clues concerning Nebraska's history, from the days of the Ice Age hunters through the end of the Indian Wars.

# DB 1026 The Floor of the Sky by Pamela Carter Joern

An aging widow struggles to keep the family ranch in the heart of the Nebraska Sandhills. Her unwed granddaughter travels from Minneapolis to spend the summer with her in order to wait out the last months of her unplanned pregnancy. The grandmother revisits her own youth when she and her lover David were teenage runaways, and the tragic consequences. Other family secrets emerge, which test the strength of family bonds.

# DB 1028 The Broidered Garment by Hilda Martinsen Neihardt

The daughter of Nebraska's poet laureate tells how her parents, though each from strikingly diverse backgrounds fell in love, married, raised a family, and grew old together. The daughter of an international financier, Mona Martinsen was studying sculpture in Paris under Auguste Rodin. Born into a pioneer family on the Great Plains, John Neihardt was a gifted but impoverished poet and writer. A small book of his poems, Bundle of Myrrh, initially attracted Mona to John. The author uses family memoirs, correspondence, and interviews to tell her parents' love story.

## DB 1030 The Good Journey by Micaela Gilchrist

This historical romance is based on private letters between Southern Belle Mary Bullitt and General Henry Atkinson, commander of the Sixth Regiment. Married in 1826, Mary follows her older husband to Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis. Throughout their sixteen-year marriage, she witnesses the struggle for the West and the destruction of the Native Americans, as personified by a standing feud between her husband and Black Hawk, legendary leader of the Sauk Indian tribe. Though life was harsh on the frontier, she grew to love her strong, silent husband.

#### DB 1031 Coal Camp Days by Ricardo L. Garcia

A fictionalized account of growing up in the coalfields of northern New Mexico during the last years of World War II. Told primarily from a Hispanic perspective, the author includes folklore and stories of Afro-Americans, Italian, Slavic, and Greek immigrants who worked together in support of the war effort. Poor living conditions did not interfere with picking chokecherries, tracking deer, collecting scrap iron, and experiencing the joy of life.

#### DB1033 Dead Man's Promise: Man from Boot Hill, Book 3 by Marcus Galloway

Nick Graves is content to ply the trade his father taught him--that of funeral arranger and coffin maker in the lawless town of Jessup, Nebraska. A killer and former partner, Red Parks wants Graves to pay for past wrongs. He has brought along the old gang in order to target Graves' family as a way to settle the score. When an innocent woman is caught in the crossfire, Graves knows that his gunslinger days aren't yet over.

## **DB 1037 The Seanachie by Bob Huerter**

Liam O'Conlan convinces his troubled grandson to drive him from Omaha to eastern Iowa in order to bring closure to a tragic chapter from the grandfather's youth. On the way, Liam tells his family's story to his grandson who is amazed at all that his Irish ancestors had endured. While returning to Omaha, their car collides with a truck on an icy bridge over the Missouri and the grandfather is killed. The grandfather returns from the grave to take his grandson on a journey through time to relive their ancestors' experiences during the Potato Famine and their migration aboard the "coffin ships" in order to establish a new life in America.

# DB 1042 Forty Acres and a Fool by Roger Welsch

In 1975, the author purchased a farm near Dannebrog, Nebraska, and eventually left city life and a tenured professorship at a university behind. Drawing from over thirty years experience in country living, Welsch offers light-hearted but sincere advice to anyone contemplating a similar move. He discusses the problems of being an outsider in a tight-knit community, how to acquire and move buildings, and how to deal with trespassers and eccentric town folk. While expressing warm affection for is adopted home in the country, he advises newbie countrymen to learn from his mistakes.

# **DB 1043 One House: The Unicameral's Progressive Vision for America by Charlyne Berens**

With the urging of U.S. Senator George Norris, Nebraskans voted in 1934 to trade their bicameral, partisan legislature for one that is unicameral and nonpartisan. The senator argued that a unicameral body would be more responsive to the people. With seventy years of experimentation behind it, Nebraska's Unicameral still has many supporters and some detractors. The author interviews current and former state senators and legislative observers to consider how well the unicameral experiment has lived up to its progressive vision.

# DB 1045 Link Across America: a Story of the Historic Lincoln Highway by Mary Elizabeth Anderson.

Story of the nation's first transcontinental highway that today is followed approximately by I-80. The colorful history of the highway includes the use of "seedling miles," whereby developers sought local supporters to pay for segments of the highway through donations. For grades 2-5.

#### DB 1046 Heart of a Husker: Tom Osborne's Nebraska Legacy by Mike Babcock

Portrait of Nebraska's legendary football coach, drawn from interviews with former players and other coaches. Throughout his twenty-five seasons as head coach, Osborne earned a reputation as a quiet but intense individual of integrity who lead the Cornhuskers from 1973-1997 to a combined record of 255-49-3.

DB 1048 Death at the Door: A Swenson and Smith Mystery, Book 2 by K.C. Greenlief

Door County resident Ann Ranson is playing a round of golf at Wisconsin's Gibraltar State Park when she discovers a body on the eighth green. The victim, Paul Larsen, a local landowner and Chicago architect, had opposed nearly all commercial development in the increasingly popular Door County. At the same time, a string of burglaries have involved the theft of expensive antiques from summer homes. Authorities trace these stolen items to a series of prestigious auction houses across the United States. As the investigations continue, it becomes apparent the burglaries are tied-in with the murder. Book Two of Swenson and Smith Mystery Series.

## DB 1052 Only Two Came Back: Lindeen Series, Book 3 by Dale Janda

Hester, a sixteen-year-old girl, is found murdered on the outskirts of frontier San Francisco. Four young men flee on the Sacramental Trail. Four men who watched Hester grow up pursue them to avenge her death. Second sequel to The Back-Up Girl and follows the first sequel The Trials of the Western Trail.

**DB 1054 The Demise of the Rocking R: A John Doddling Novel, Book 2 by Dale Janda** Texas Panhandle rancher Ben Crye has his eye on taking over adjourning ranches. He plots ways to force ranchers to sell by bringing about hard times. As their cattle are being rustled, the ranchers recruit troubleshooter John Doddling to end the onslaught against them.

DB 1056 Lana's Lakota Moons by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

Lori and Lana are two Lakota girls living in Rapid City, South Dakota. Growing up within an extended family of parents and grandparents, the two girls are almost like sisters. They form a friendship with Shoua, a Hmong girl from Laos who is new to their school. That friendship opens doors to understanding each other's culture. For grades 4 to 7.

**DB 1057 Eight Women, Two Model Ts, and the American West by Joanne Wilke** In 1924, eight farm girls attending Iowa's Teacher's College embarked on an extended carcamping trip in two Model Ts. Using clues from their diaries and letters, the author reconstructs their journey on 9000 unpaved miles through six national parks "without a man or gun along." From the era of the flapper, their true story becomes a celebration of resourcefulness and individual freedom.

#### **DB 1059 Calling Me Home by Patricia Hermes**

Twelve-year-old Abbie tries to be content with her new life on the Nebraska prairie in the 1850s after she and her family leave their house with a piano behind in St. Joseph. Living in a sod house built by her father, she longs for life in town where children can attend school. While her father is away in an effort to earn money to buy land, her baby brother loses his life to cholera. Her family helps her discover the faith and strength to survive their hardships.

#### DB 1061 Are We Not Men? by Brent Spencer

Thirteen short stories combine compassion with humor to describe mostly blue collar Midwestern men who find meaning while struggling against their own self-destruction. An inmate becomes an expert on infant care when his girlfriend tells him she is expecting. Even after he learns she was lying, he cannot abandon his relationship with his imaginary unborn child. A struggling farmer with one arm is saved from despair by living amidst sunshine, breezes, birds, and deer. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language.

## DB 1062 Heed the Thunder by Jim Thompson

Four generations of Fargos dominate the small Nebraska town of Verdon. Set in the early 1900s, this dark, yet playful story portrays the mean-spirited members of an interlocking clan. A charming young lawyer turns into a crooked politician, and a bank clerk is slowly dying of syphilis. The clan's grandmother is persuaded by a clergyman of dubious character to sign over the family property. Some strong language and descriptions of sex.

# DB 1063 The Jugger: A Parker Novel, Book 6 by Richard Stark

Joe Sheer pursues a quiet life in Sagamore, Nebraska, after a lucrative career as a safecracker. He sends Parker, his former partner in crime, an urgent letter indicating local authorities are after him to reclaim \$500,000 in hidden money. Parker flies to Nebraska with the intent of protecting his past by silencing Sheer if necessary. Before they can rendezvous, Parker learns that Sheer is already dead and local authorities are taking too much interest in Parker.

# **DB 1065 Valentines by Ted Kooser**

Former U.S. poet laureate and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, Ted Kooser presents Valentine poems which he began writing in 1986 to fifty women friends. A new poem was printed on postcards and mailed each year. Twenty-two years later, an annual poem was being sent to over 2500 women throughout the United States.

#### DB 1067 Isn't It Romantic? by Ron Hansen

In this screwball comedy, Natalie, an attractive young librarian from Paris, decides to visit America in order to tour the Great Plains as well as put some distance between her and her playboy boyfriend, Pierre. To her disdain, Pierre catches up with her in a hotel in downtown Omaha. When their tour bus breaks down, Natalie and Pierre are stranded in the small town of Seldom, Nebraska, where they are welcomed with open arms by local eccentrics, such as Mrs. Christiansen, a retired schoolteacher who runs a boarding house for women, and Owen, a gas station owner who wants help marketing his own Nebraska-produced wine. Natalie begins to fall for a rancher, and Pierre has feelings for a waitress, except the rancher and waitress might also have feelings for each other and Natalie and Pierre might still want each other.

#### DB 1068 A Stay Against Confusion: Essays on Faith and Fiction by Ron Hansen

Author presents fourteen essays to explore how his Christian faith has enriched his writing and how creating stories has helped him examine his own faith-filled life. He discusses the poetry of Gerald Manley Hopkins, the works of Leo Tolstoy, and the influence of John Gardner as mentor. He includes such religious figures as St. Ignatius of Loyola and the six Jesuit priests murdered in El Salvador, along with his twin brother. Rob, a priest, and their grandfather--a tough-as-nails Colorado rancher.

## **DB 1069 The Cleanup by Sean Doolittle**

Though he comes from a proud line of cops, Matt Worth finds his career on the skids after losing his temper and decking a detective. His love life has also taken a hit, with a ten-year marriage ending in divorce. Now on provisional work status, he is assigned night patrol at a supermarket in a high-crime Omaha neighborhood. Worth finds himself drawn to Gwen, the checkout girl who has been battered by her drug-dealing boyfriend. He ends up driving a car with the boyfriend's body in the trunk and contending with rogue cops whose hands are dirty with drug money. Contains strong language, violence and sexual situations.

# DB 1070 Dueling Chefs: A Vegetarian and a Meat Lover Debate the Plate by Maggie Pleskac and Sean Carmichael

Two of Lincoln's chefs, the owner of Maggie's Vegetarian Wraps and the owner of Chez Hay Catering, present recipes that adapt vegetarian fare for meat eaters and meaty dishes for vegetarian. Based on ten years of friendly feuding, these two cooks offer ideas for vegetarian / meat-eater households for complementary dishes that can be served side-by-side.

# **DB 1071 Interior Places by Lisa Knopp**

A collection of essays concerning the Midwest. Includes memoirs, as well as travel writing, and natural history. The author describes the inner character of the Midwest, as revealed by history, shaped by nature, and lived by its inhabitants. Some strong language.

#### DB 1072 Diary of a Husker by David Kolowski

Captures the experiences of a Husker player during the five years, 1998-2002, in which he served as Nebraska's backup center and deep snapper. Includes a foreword by 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch.

#### DB 1073 America: Our Next Chapter by Chuck Hagel

Nebraska's senior senator presents strategies for dealing with America's most pressing problems, including economic, foreign policy, security, and leadership. He challenges the underlying assumptions that have steered our course of action in Iraq and offers assessments regarding Israel and Palestine, China, the global economy, and rebuilding our military. In order to overcome the current partisan impasse, he makes a case for a new independent party or bipartisan ticket.

# DB 1074 Nebraska Quilts & Quiltmakers edited by Patricia Cox Crews and Ronald C. Naugle

Drawn from the Nebraska Quilt Project survey, 103 quilts represent over 125 years of quilt making, from territorial days to the 1980s. In addition to a description of patterns, materials, and techniques, the entries include a biographical sketch of the quilt makers.

## DB 1075 A Flowering of Quilts edited by Patricia Cox Crews

Taken from the Ardis and Robert James Collection of the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska, this book highlights 53 examples of floral applique quilts from the nineteenth century. The book explores women's interest in botany and similarities between the designs of flower gardens and quilts during that period.

# DB 1076 Nebraska's Cowboy Trail: A User's Guide by Keith Terry

The nation's longest recreational rail-to-trail project, the Cowboy Trail follows a 321-mile corridor across northern Nebraska once used by the railroad to carry supplies to the Black Hills during the 1870s gold rush. Now stretching from Norfolk to Chadron, the tail passes through eastern farmland on through Plains ranchland and then across the northern Sandhills and on to the edge of the Pine Ridge. This book serves as a companion for those who plan to hike, bike, or ride horseback along this unique trail.

# DB 1077 The Mover of Bones: The Tall Grass Trilogy, Book 1 by Robert Vivian

A thirty-five-year-old janitor descends to the cellar of a Catholic church in Omaha while intoxicated and digs up a murdered girl's bones. Wrapping the bones inside a tarp, he flees across country with the bundle beside him and encounters a series of individuals living on the margins, including a hobo, an elderly woman, and an individual who has lost his legs. Each

encounter adds meaning to the girl's death, as details about the murder and the girl's identity emerge. Contains strong language.

#### DB 1078 Living Blue in the Red States by David Starkey

"Progressive" novelists, poets, essayists, and professors describe what it is like for them to live in conservative "Red" states and often feel out of step with the predominate political culture. While sometimes expressing anger or frustration, these individuals search for ways to close the political divide between the left and the right, or at least understand it.

**DB 1079 From the Garden Club: Rural Women Writing Community by Charlotte Hogg** The author describes the lives of her grandmother and other women in Paxton, Nebraska, who are involved in literacy work. Activities include writing news articles and memoirs, working at the library, and participating in the Garden Club. These women use their work to help sustain their town and nourish themselves as well.

# DB 1080 Lawrence Bixby: Preserver of the Old Spade Ranch by Ruth Vanackeren and Robert M Howard.

Established in the Nebraska Sandhills by Bartlett Richards in 1888, The Spade Ranch played a role in the state's early livestock history. At its height, the ranch grew to 500,000 acres. Following the founder's death in 1911, a young neighbor and summer employee, Lawrence Bixby, worked tirelessly to preserve and maintain The Spade's holdings. Beginning in 1924, Bixby began acquiring ownership of Spade land. He lived to see the ranch entered into the National Registry of Historic Places.

#### **DB 1081 Mayor Helen Boosalis by Beth Boosalis Davis**

This biography written by her daughter details Helen Boosalis' years of service in Nebraska politics. Her career began in the 1950s as a League of Women Voters volunteer who spearheaded efforts to change Lincoln to a strong mayor form of government. Elected to the city council in 1959, she became mayor of Nebraska's capital city in 1975. And went on to serve as the first woman president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. As a Democratic candidate for governor in 1986, she ran against Kay Orr in the first gubernatorial contest between two women in U.S. history.

# DB 1082 Hero of the Underground by Jason Peter with Tony O'Neill

An All-American and a member of three national championship teams at the University of Nebraska, Jason Peter was the 1998 National Football League first-round draft pick by the Carolina Panthers. As football injuries took their toll, Jason began taking large amounts of Vicodin for pain control. In 2001, when forced to retire because of spinal injuries, he moved on to crack cocaine, then heroine. Severing ties with family and friends, he went through a series of drug treatment programs and became suicidal. He chose life over death, as he fought his way through successful rehab.

Widely respected as an avid hunter and fisherman, Miles Maryott hosted wealthy guests at his hunting lodge on Nebraska's Crescent Lake in his beloved Sandhills. A gentle man when sober, he gained a reputation for ill-temperament when drunk. On Thanksgiving eve, 1926, he shot and killed Marshal George Albee, leaving behind a widow and eight children. Sentenced to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Maryott produced dozens of wildlife paintings, some of which continue to bring high bids at auction.

DB 1085 My Brushes with Death and Other Outdoor Blunders by Steven Paul Barlow Author presents 50 of his favorite "Parting Line" magazine columns originally published in Game & Fish publications. While meeting the minimal obligations of having a wife, four kids, and a job, the author describes with tongue-in-cheek his desire for the stress-free life of outdoors. His misadventures include family camping trips, backcountry excursions, and solo deer hunts. 2007.

#### DB 1086 Prairie Whispers by Scott E. Miller

Based on true events from the 1880s, John and Maggie McKay and their two young daughters, Claire and Abbie, settle on the Nebraska prairie. They make their way to their homestead along the Niobrara River in a wagon pulled by oxen. First task is to clear the grassy fields of rattlesnakes; then plant their first crop of wheat and vegetables. With the first harvest in early summer, they dig a cave in the clay soil to store their precious food. John and his oldest daughter, Claire, make a three-day trip to the nearest town, Niobrara City, to purchase supplies so they can frame their cabin. Before the weather turns cold. John builds furniture when he sells in town to raise extra money for more building materials and supplies. Their first winter is challenging, and they welcome the arrival of spring. Summer brings an addition to the family with the birth of a baby brother.

## DB 1087 Prairie Sunsets by Scott E. Miller

Two years after beginning new lives as homesteaders on the Nebraska prairie, the McKay family now enjoys living among neighbors, as well as having a school and even a county fair in O'Neill. Claire's friendship with Caleb Clark, their neighbor's son, blossoms into romance. The community contends with a tornado and a swarm of hungry locusts. That fall, the McKay's announce plans to sell the farm and move to Stuart where they will manage a hotel, and Caleb begins university classes in Lincoln. Sequel to Prairie Whispers (DB 01086). For grades 6 to 9.

# DB 1088 The Wide Open: Prose, Poetry, and Photographs of the Prairie edited by Annick Smith and Susan O'Connor

Writers with ties to the prairie, such as Willa Cather, Mari Sandoz, Rick Bass, and Jim Harrison, describe how the high, cold plains of the American West challenged their imagination and provided inspiration. The grasslands, badlands, rivers, and sagebrush provided the stimulus that produced beautiful prose and poetry. Some strong language.

# DB 1089 A Visit to Hartington by Kenny Miller

Life in a small Midwestern town, seen primarily through the loving eyes of a middle son who survives polio, the loss of a friend, and later copes with his mother's final illness. A Walton-style collection of stories featuring the school music teacher, a Norwegian bachelor farmer, and other memorable characters; about the author growing up in the 1950s, leaving home, but never forgetting his roots. Some strong language.

#### DB 1090 Letters to a Young Therapist by Mary Pipher

Compilation of letters from a clinical psychologist to a graduate student / therapist-in-training. By mixing storytelling with sharp-eyed observation, the author draws from her experiences helping patients tackle the challenges all humans face in dealing with troubled relationships, stressful jobs and home lives, and having too little time.

#### DB 1091 Bicycling Beyond the Divide by Daryl Farmer

At age forty, the author retraces a five-thousand-mile bike trek through the American West, a journey he previously undertook as a college drop-out when he was twenty years younger and seventy pounds lighter. Taking along his journals from his first trek, he observes what has changed and what has endured, in terms of the environment, the individuals he encounters, and himself. On this second trip, he is caught in a Colorado snowstorm, has to negotiate a herd of bison, shares meals and stories with homeless individuals, and kayaks with Orcas in Puget Sound.

#### DB 1092 Something in Vallarta: A Something Mystery, Book 1 by Robert Richter

1972. A young American expatriate, former student, and political activist named Cotton Waters hides along Mexico's Pacific Coast where he is known by his buddies as Algo, which is Spanish for Something. When his money runs out, he reluctantly finds employment with wealth Americanos. One of them, who is jealous, pays him to follow a beautiful woman to make sure she isn't cheating. Algo finds himself in a tangled, dangerous web of murder, drugs, corrupt police, and buried treasure. Some strong language.

# DB 1093 River by Lowen Clausen

A small stream in northeast Nebraska is where a rancher named John scattered the ashes of his grown son. Still in grief, the rancher chose that stream to launch a homemade kayak, christened Gloria, on a solitary 1500-mile journey of healing from the Loup River to the mouth of the Mississippi.

## DB 1094 Husker Numbers: A Nebraska Number Book by Rajean Luebs Shepherd

A counting book provides a way for young readers to explore the Cornhusker State. Beginning with western Nebraska's "1 majestic Chimney Rock," the numbers progress through other attractions, such as "4 ancient Indian petroglyphs," "7 black-tail prairie dogs," or "15 American flags . . . for veterans at Fort McPherson."

# DB 1095 Last Flight of Kilo Mike by Kenny Miller

Donnnie, a young co-pilot, returns to the United States in a private Learjet after an extended assignment in Africa where he helped survey forest areas for Liberia. To his horror, he discovers a deadly bomb has been smuggled onboard, with New York City as the target. With only minutes to spare, he needs to overcome his fears in order to prevent catastrophic loss of life. Some strong language.

#### DB 1096 The Path to Pelini by Lincoln Journal Star Books

Bo Pelini followed a winding road that took him from Nebraska to Oklahoma and Louisiana State, and then back to Nebraska as head coach. The compilation of articles from the Lincoln Journal Star documents the turbulent post-2003 football season and includes new insider commentary from veteran Husker writer Steve M. Sipple.

#### DB 1097 God's Brat by Sr. Kathryn Leahy, OSF

Devotional reflections by Sister Kathryn Leahy, simple and gracefully written; includes her life story. Sr. Kathryn was born on a farm near Ewing, Nebraska, and spent her life of ministry as an educator in Nebraska Catholic schools.

#### DB 1098 Gracie Gannon: Middle School Zero by Mary Elizabeth Anderson

Gracie is having a tough time at middle school after her dad lost his job and the family had to move to a small house in a rundown section of town. The popular girls at school think Gracie's clothes, her hair, and Gracie herself are a joke, and even her former best friend ignores her. Gracie has to choose between joining the bullies and becoming a loyal friend to others who need her. For grades 5 to 8. 2008.

#### DB 1099 When Blacks Were Green by Karla J. Cooper

Black Americans have a tradition, often out of necessity, of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Today individuals who wish to live "green" can draw from those experiences in order to reclaim such virtues as simplicity, creativity, and imagination.

# DB 1100 City and Prairie Bones by Billie Lee Snyder Thornburg

Anecdotal accounts of life in North Platte, Nebraska, 1920s-1950s, when it was known as the wildest, wooliest town in the Midwest. Humorous descriptions of attempts to clean up Nebraska's "Little Chicago" and change its reputation as a haven for vice. Contains some descriptions of sex. 2005.

## DB 1101 Plainsong for Caitlin by Elizabeth M. Rees

1871. New Bedford. Fifteen-year-old Caitlin's and her older sister, Rebecca's lives crash when their father and Rebecca's fiancé die in a sea disaster. Responding to an ad for a mail-order-bride, Rebecca moves to Sweetgrass, Nebraska, bringing Caitlin along with her. When Caitlin meets Nate, the young settler who is Rebecca's husband to be, she senses a strong mutual attraction. Out of a sense of honor, Nate marries Rebecca and soon a baby is on the way; however, a tragedy offers a bitter-sweet possibility that Nate and Caitlin can be together after all.

#### DB 1102 CBS's Don Hollenbeck by Loren Ghiglione

Controversial newscaster began his career at Lincoln, Nebraska's Journal before becoming editor of the Omaha Bee-News. Hollenbeck went on to report from Europe during World War II and subsequently anchored television newscasts during the era of Edward R. Murrow. On his prize-winning radio program, CBS Views the Press (1947-1950), during the McCarthy era, he criticized several prestigious New York newspapers, including several belonging to Hearst. Plagued by problems in his personal life and attacked by conservative anti-communists, especially Jack O'Brian, Hollenbeck took his own life in 1954.

#### DB 1103 Tagging Along: A Memoir by Irene Neville Bystrom

A family memoir, written by the youngest daughter of Nebraska's former "Boy Governor" Keith Neville. The author lived a charmed life, growing up in North Platte, Nebraska, and Pass-a-Grille, Florida. Her family's saga includes hunting and fishing, pets and family, politics and travel, the Great Depression, two world wars, and raising Baby Boomer children.

#### DB 1104 Memory Stadium by Kevin D. Horn

News editor for KCOW Radio in Alliance, Nebraska, relates his decades of devotion to Cornhusker football to major events in his own life. He describes the impact of Husker football on his childhood and young adult years in eastern Nebraska, and on his nearly 25-year career in radio broadcasting. He tells what he was doing and who he was with while following the Huskers from 1969 to the present.

# DB 1105 The Plain Sense of Things by Pamela Carter Joern

Set in the Nebraska panhandle, this novel follows three generations of the Preston family, 1930 through 1979, as they exhibit quiet integrity in the face of hardship, hard work, and poverty. Following his estranged daughter's death, a stoic grandfather brings his grandson home. Family members struggle and endure, as does the nation, through the Great Depression, World War II, the killing of Charles Starkweather, and the resignation of Richard Nixon, and find the strength to renew their hope with every sunrise. Contains strong language.

# DB 1107 Her Appearing: A Love Story by Donald G. Hanway

A busy minister is in extended grief recovery following the death of his wife. He meets a single mom, who is an Afro-American, and falls in love. He faces ongoing challenges in providing counseling, dealing with church finances, conducting funerals, and trying to make life easier for a gay teen. Written by a retired Episcopal priest.

## DB 1108 Breathing in the Fullness of Time by William Kloefkorn

Nebraska's State Poet writes the fourth and final installment of his memoirs. He reflects on his foray into college football, a stint in the Marines, his long-lasting marriage to his childhood sweetheart, a sojourn in California, and his teaching career at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Some strong language.

### DB 1109 Escape from Saigon by Andrea Warren

In 1975, at the end of the Vietnam War, an eight-year-old orphan named Long is evacuated from Saigon's Holt Center during Operation Babylift. An adoptive family in Ohio receives him with open arms and changes his name to Matt Steiner. Eventually Matt graduates from college and then medical school and becomes an emergency room physician. Years later, he revisits Vietnam and remembers his American heart is half Vietnamese. For grades 5-8.

# DB 1110 Following the Wrong God Home by Clive Scott Chisholm

A displaced Canadian sets out to explore the West on foot to discover the origins of the American Dream. As he traverses the Mormon Trail, from Omaha to Salt Lake City, he describes fascinating American dreamers he meets along the remnants of the historic trek. Often these individuals are torn by the contradictory desire to seek community while preserving individuality, as were their pioneer counterparts. Contains some strong language.

#### DB 1111 Rob & Sara.com by P.J. Petersen and Ivy Ruckman

This novel for young adults was written in actual emails between its two authors, who took on personas for a whole year. Sara, an army brat, wants to stay in one high school for a year and live like a normal person. Rob, an unwilling resident of an academy for troubled teens, feels distant from his father and his alcoholic mom. Two lonely outsiders, Sara and Rob meet on a web site for young poets and build a trusting relationship across cyberspace. There seems to be few prospects for ever meeting in person until an accident lands Sara in the hospital and Rob runs away in order to be with her. Some strong language. For grades 6 to 9.

# DB 1113 Dreams of the N'Dorobo: A Gabe Turpin Adventure-Mystery, Book 1 by Gary Gabelhouse

Gabe Turpin, a middle-aged anthropologist, rescues an African shaman from torture, becomes his student, and learns "dream walking" - a meditation that allows its practitioners to slip past all defenses undetected. Caught in a whirlwind of political assassination in East Africa, Gabe struggles to understand the dark secret of "dream walking" before its mysterious destruction kills him.

## DB 1114 Sweet Eyes by Jonis Agee

The small community of Divinity, Iowa, is thrown into conflict over Honey Parrish's affair with Jasper Johnson, the town's only black man. The ensuing chaos opens up other old wounds, including Honey's loss of a dead lover, a psychotic brother, and even an unsolved murder. The town sheriff forces Honey to confront whether her dead lover, her ex-husband, or her brother could be the killer. Contains some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

# DB 1115, Jennie Barnes: Right Now Forever! by Vera Saban

Nebraska prairie. 1915. Jennie, a ten-year-old girl, lives on a tenant farm with her family. Though she, her sister, and her brother have little money, they live an exciting life that includes school, Sunday school, the county fair, and even a circus. For grades 3 to 6.

#### DB 1116 Spell it M-U-R-D-E-R by Ivy Ruckman

After Andrea and her bunkmate Katy feel bullied by the other campers at Camp Shagbark, they make a foggy, late-night escape by stealing a rowboat in order to row the six miles downstream toward home. When they overhear two men in a powerboat speak of dumping bodies, the two girls think they have witnessed a murder. Since they are missing from camp, their miscellaneous tip to police makes everyone believe they have been murdered. For grades 5 to 8.

# DB 1117 by Train They Came: Fragile Excess Baggage, Volume 1 by Charlotte Endorf and Sarah M. Endorf

Personal stories of those who, as children, rode the Orphan Trains in order to be placed in foster homes. For grades 6 to 9.

# DB 1118 by Train They Came: Fragile Excess Baggage, Volume 2 by Charlotte Endorf and Sarah M. Endorf

More true-life stories of those who, as children, rode the Orphan Trains in order to be placed in foster homes. For grades 6 to 9.

#### DB 1119 The Eleventh Hour Can't Last Forever by Alison Johnson

True story of growing up in Palisade, Nebraska, with a father who believed fervently that the government was on the brink of collapse and banks could not be trusted. He started hiding large quantities of gold and silver in and around his house. With the father's declining years and then death, the family became increasingly dysfunctional as members struggled with how to deal with the hoarded wealth.

#### DB1120 Stag-Heart: Stag-Heart, Book 1 by Tom Frye

Stag-Heart, a wild woodlands that is home to dangerous creatures, lies near a reservation in North Dakota. Dawn Red Feather, a young Lakota girl, traverses there against her elder's warnings, and witnesses the shooting of an FBI agent when a drug deal goes wrong. Dawn ends up passing evidence on to Ryan MacNeil, the son of a small-town sheriff. The only thing is, the evidence will clear a Lakota man who served ten years for the drunk driving accident that killed Ryan's mother.

# **DB1121 Reconsidering Happiness by Sherrie Flick**

Twenty-three-year-old Vivette leaves her job behind at a hip bakery in New England and heads west in her grandfather's old Buick to start a new life in Des Moines. Before settling in, she first spends time with Margaret, an old acquaintance who left the same bakery earlier for Nebraska. Margaret shares the lessons she had learned about love and loneliness and creating a new life on the Great Plains.

# DB 1122 Lights on a Ground of Darkness by Ted Kooser

Following the death of his mother, former U.S. poet laureate pens a brief memoir in an effort to keep the world of his childhood from being lost. Raised in a family of German immigrants in the eastern Iowa town of Guttenberg, near the Mississippi River, Kooser writes affectionately of

his grandfather who owned a Standard Oil full-service gas station and his Uncle Elvy, who had cerebral palsy. Kooser's mother, Vera, taught the future poet "to see the life at play in everything."

#### DB 1123 The Death of Raymond Yellow Thunder by Stew Magnuson

The 1972 murder of Raymond Yellow Thunder was a graphic reminder of conflict between some members of the Oglala Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation and some members of bordering communities, such as Whiteclay and Gordon. The context for this modern-day tragedy includes the history of Black Hills incursions, the Ghost Dance, Wounded Knee and the second Wounded Knee, and the American Indian Movement. The author explores the painful nuances of misunderstanding and prejudice that have plagued this blended region. Some strong language.

#### DB 1125 Beyond the Final Score by Tom Osborne

Legendary former head football coach and U.S. congressman reflects on the lessons he has learned on and off the football field. His values and faith have guided him on such initiatives as the TeamMates mentoring program for youth at risk, and a training program for Iraqi women so they can change their country.

#### DB 1126 Down To Earth: Celebrating a Blessed Life on the Land by Curt Arens

A lifelong family farmer and devote Catholic, Arens describes how his occupation and his faith are inseparable. Arens, his wife, and three children live on a homestead along Bow Creek near the Nebraska-South Dakota border that has been in his family since 1917. The author provides information on the physical and economic burdens faced by family farmers, and reflects on Catholic social teaching and ethical land stewardship.

# DB 1127 Nebraska Kitchens Cookbook: Favorite Recipes of Our State, Volume 1 by Nebraska Life Magazine

Features 134 favorite recipes submitted by readers of Nebraska Life magazine.

# DB 1128 Nebraska Kitchen Cookbook: Favorite Recipes of Our State, Volume 2 by Nebraska Life Magazine

Features 150 favorite recipes submitted by readers of Nebraska Life magazine.

**DB 1129 Death in December: Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book 1 by Pam Broderick** Emily Sinclair, a principal in a parochial school, investigates the death of Donna Brendall, a parishioner whose demise, it seems, would have been on many people's wish list.

**DB 1130 Justice in January: Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book 2 by Pam Broderick** Once her divorce from David is final, Emily Sinclair goes on a pilgrimage to France and Italy. Her efforts to make a fresh start are complicated by the death of her tour guide, and she finds herself involved in solving a murder.

**DB 1131 Folly in February: Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book 3 by Pam Broderick** Emily Sinclair is devastated to find her own doctor, Charles Lincoln, dead in her church choir loft. Since he was one of Fall Oakes' beloved and respected physicians, Emily is determined to find out who would have killed him, and why.

**DB 1132 Nebraska Farmer: Special Anniversary Edition 2009 edited by Don McCabe** Special edition of Nebraska's leading agricultural publication celebrates its 150th anniversary. This historical edition recounts Nebraska Farmer's beginnings and chronicles the dramatic changes in the state's farming and ranching industries. Included are reprints of articles from the Farmer's archives.

# DB 1133 Alligators Under My Bed and Other Nebraska Tales: A Memoir by James D. Hager

Raised on a farm near the Republican River and later moving with his family into Red Cloud, the author tells what it was like to grow up in mid-20th century rural Nebraska. Farm chores, his first bicycle, school sports, his first car . . . James Hager describes a life filled with mischievous and sometimes dangerous escapades.

**DB1134 Land of Their Own: The Richert Family Saga, Book 1 by Ruth Richert Jones** Troublesome times in Russia prompt a young Mennonite family to migrate to America, drawn by the promise of free land and freedom of religion. The harrowing trip takes much longer than anticipated, thanks to a robbery, a collision at sea, and a severe storm that disables the vessel. A young Hollander named Toby and a young Russian, Sophia, also plan to migrate, though

# DB 1135 Father Flanagan of Boys Town by Hugh Reilly and Kevin Warnek

Sophia's father strongly opposes the risky venture.

An Irish lad named Edward Flanagan joins the priesthood and then follows his brother, who is also a priest, to the plains of Nebraska. After serving several parishes and opening a hotel for homeless men, Father Flanagan finds his life work as founder of Boys Town, a haven for thousands of orphaned, neglected, and abandoned boys of any race or creed.

DB 1136 Nosy in Nebraska: Maxie the Mouse Mysteries, Book 1-3 by Mary Connealy
Three romance mysteries are all set in rural Melnik, Nebraska, home of the world's largest field
mouse. In Of Mice . . . and Murder, Carrie Evans, who hates mice and loves big cities, returns
to her small hometown to live in a mouse-infested house where a human body is found in the
pantry. A local carpenter helps her trap the rodents and try to solve the murder. In Pride and
Pestilence, Bonnie Simpson, an insomniac museum curator, is chief suspect in the murder of
Sven Gunderson, whom nobody liked. In The Mice Man Cometh, attorney Tyler Simpson is
thrilled to open a law office in Melnik until a body falls out of his cupboard and he angers the
locals after being appointed public defender for the town's nemesis.

DB 1137 Black Hills Blessing: South Dakota Weddings, Book 1-3 by Mary Connealy

Three cowboy romances set in the Black Hills. In "Buffalo Gal," Buffy Lange is thrilled to be managing a huge ranch dedicated to protecting a herd of buffalo. Neighboring rancher, Wyatt Shaw, however, views the large, free-ranging animals as a threat. In "Clueless Cowboy," Emily Johannson would like to act kindly toward an uninvited trespasser who takes up residence in a rundown house behind her ranch. He asks for solitude; while she keeps on having to save his life. In "The Bossy Bridegroom," Jeanie Davidson leaves an unhappy marriage rather than be a doormat for her tyrannical husband. Now in possession of some self-esteem, she returns home, only to have her ex-husband reappear as her new boss.

#### DB 1138 Cornhusker Dreams: Cornhusker Dreams, Book 1-3 by Cara Putnam

Three romances set in Nebraska during World War II. In "Canteen Dreams," schoolteacher Audrey Stone contributes to the war effort by volunteering at a train station canteen. Meanwhile, local rancher Willard Johnson years to enlist in order to avenge his brother's death at Pearl Harbor. In "Sandhill Dreams," Laine Gardner's poor health prevents her from enlisting as a nurse. Instead, she gets a job at Fort Robinson, where she meets Tom Hamilton, who trains war dogs. In "Captive Dreams," Anna Goodman tries to run the family farm while also caring for her father. Sid Chance finds himself overseeing German prisoners of war, who are able to help in the fields.

#### DB 1139 Love Finds You in Valentine, Nebraska by Irene Brand

Kennedy Blaine, a wealthy heiress from California, inherits Circle Cross Ranch near Valentine, Nebraska. While her first impulse is to sell, she decides to visit the ranch first, where she meets its manager, Derek Sterling. As a youth, Derek had been adopted and later abandoned in Chicago before finding an adoptive family who loved him. Kennedy stays on for the summer to reconnect with relatives and finds herself drawn to the peace and solitude of the ranch. As she stays on, she is subjected to a series of threats and harassments. Someone clearly wants her to sell and leave. Love Finds You Series, No. 3.

DB 1140 The Woods of Bloody Mary: The Havelock Chronicles, Book 3 by Tom Frye This third book in the chronicles of Reason Nelson finds Reason and his friends crossing paths with Bloody Mary, an older woman falsely rumored to murder unwelcome trespassers in her woods north of Lincoln. Reason and his friends uncover a plot involving drug trafficking, stolen dogs, and even murder. Sequel to Scratchin' on the Eight Ball and The Kid, the Cop and the Con.

# **DB 1141 No Angels for Outlaws: Man from Boot Hill, Book 4 by Marcus Galloway** An undertaker with a violent past, Nick Graves finally discovers some measure of peace on the edge of the desert, in the small New Mexico town of Ocean, where he hopes to use his skills with a gun to help keep order. When a quiet rancher turns desperate in seeking revenge for the murder of his family, Nick comes to his rescue in tracking down the marauding outlaws.

DB 1142 The Briton and the Dane: The Briton and the Dane Trilogy, Book 1 by Mary Ann Bernal

In ninth century England, before the age of chivalry, King Alfred the Great successfully defeated the Danish Viking King Guthrum and kept Wessex free from Viking rule. Lord Richard oversees the training of Alfred's army; and Richard's children swear fealty to their King and support for his efforts to build a nation from a land ravaged by war and conquest.

DB 1144 Land of Challenge: The Richert Family Saga, Book 2 by Ruth Richert Jones Mennonite immigrants Ben, Nettie, and their children made their way from Russia to the Dakota Territory in the 1870s where Ben finally found an unclaimed parcel of land to homestead. After breaking sod, digging a well, and building a sod house, Ben and his family struggled to live off the land. Ben constructed a wooden house and a wooden bard for his twenty-four head of cattle. They endure financial hardship, blizzards, and a ferocious prairie fire that threatens the farm they had grown to love. Sequel to Land of Their Own (DB 01134).

#### **DB 1146 Wild Hearts by Kody James Connick**

A juvenile delinquent breaks into a home to steal valuables and ends up taking a pit bull puppy. As he encounters the bloody sport of dog fighting, he feels the urgent need to rescue abused dogs. In the process, the lives of dogs and his own life are forever changed.

**DB 1147 Menace in March: Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book 4 by Pam Broderick** Parochial school principal Emily Sinclair volunteers to produce a community play. The star of the show attracts a secret admirer, who Emily suspects is a dangerous stalker. When the star dies suddenly, Emily wonders if the stalker is more dangerous than she thought.

**DB 1149 Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom by Tim Tingle** Mississippi, before the civil war. Martha, A Choctaw girl, makes friends with Little Mo, a slave boy on a plantation. She helps Little Mo and his family cross the river to freedom one night when his family is threatened. For grades 2-4. 2006.

## **DB 1154 Unbridled Dreams by Stephanie Grace Whitson**

Irma Friedrich, born into an affluent family in Nebraska, could have attended Brownell Finishing School as her mother wished. Instead, Irma longed to join Buffalo Bill's Wild West and perform as a trick rider. With her father's help and behind her mother's back, she auditions for Buffalo Bill and wins a spot on his traveling show. Changing her name to Liberty Bell, she begins to tour the United States. Two handsome cowboy stars of the show become her suitors.

## DB 1155 Barrelhouse Boys by Joel Williamsen

In the gas-light era of 1894, Bud Gardner, a young ball player from Alder Grove, seeks refuge from drought and poverty by trying his luck in Nebraska's glittering capital city. Establishing a precarious existence within his uncle's saloon, Bud encounters shady characters in the Haymarket District. But even worse, he uncovers dark connections that lead from a deadly Nebraska train wreck to Chicago's railroad strikes and Omaha's slaughterhouse riots.

DB 1157 One Life Shining: Addie Finch, Farmwife by Lucy Adkins

Nebraska poet captures the essence of country life through modern verse.

#### **DB 1159 Winter Busy Family Recipes**

For families on a tight budget and schedule, this winter supplement to Taste of Home magazine features 127 recipes, along with tips and tricks to speed up mealtime prep. Includes beef, chicken, pork, and seafood dishes that can be prepared in 30 minutes or less, and simple side dishes ready in 15 or fewer minutes.

#### DB 1160 Wanted: Housekeeper by S. A. Sullivan

Tom Schultz was opposed to Hazel, the mail-order housekeeper his father arranged, when she first arrived at their Nebraska farm in the 1930s. But he fell in love with her, and they marry. When she gives birth to a child their first year together, they employ Hazel's best friend, Irene, as housekeeper. Hazel aspires to live a comfortable life, similar to the banker's wife, shopping, playing gin rummy, chain smoking, and horseback riding. Depression reaches Nebraska, and the bank forecloses on the farm. Tom finds work with the railroad in Sidney, though money is tight.

## DB 1161 Effie's Image by N.L. Sharp

On the morning of her 82nd birthday, Effie Armstrong picks up a photograph of her younger self and traces her image with her finger. Feeling depressed that she is no longer physically beautiful; she hides away in her house. The neighbor girl, Amanda, tries to lift her spirits. Finally, Effie finds new purpose for herself by volunteering at the local grade school. Grades 4-7.

## DB 1165 Out of Attica by William Kloefkorn

Poems about the land and people of the Great Plains by Nebraska's State Poet.

## DB 1166 Forts of the Northern Plains by Jeff Barnes

This historical travel guide provides information on visiting 51 historic military posts of the Plains Indian Wars. The focus is primarily on those involved with the Sioux (Dakota) Indians. This guide includes directions, admissions and hours, amenities, special events, nearby attractions, and other tips.

# DB 1169 Black Glasses Like Clark Kent: A GI's Secret from Postwar Japan by Terese Svoboda

After her uncle's suicide, the author investigates his stunning claim that military police may have executed their own men during the occupation of Japan following World War II.

# DB 1171The Legend of Lil Red by Paul W. Rea

Rhyming story tells how a four-year-old Husker fan's sportsmanship turned him into the team mascot. For grades K-4.

# DB 1172 The Usual Mistakes by Erin Flanagan

Twelve short stories feature Midwestern characters driven by regret. A thirty-one-year-old widow forges medical credentials to work in a dermatology clinic that performs laser surgery. A young female patient seeks her help in removing neo-Nazi tattoos covering her body. In another story, a young man drags his girlfriend to Myrtle Beach, where his mother has arranged a family intervention that would hopefully stop her husband's drinking. Rather than a life-changing event, the intervention, the mother's third attempt, more closely resembles a Super Bowl party.

#### DB 1173 Rhythm Boys of Omaha Central by Steve Marantz

The 1968 Omaha Central High School basketball team made history with its first all-Black starting lineup, nicknamed the Rhythm Boys, and was considered the heavy favorite to win state championship. In early March, third-party presidential candidate George Wallace visited Omaha on a campaign stop. By the time he left, racial tensions were ignited and star center Dwaine Dillard was in jail. A true-life drama of civil rights plays out amidst a city on the brink of riot, with the state's largest high school united by basketball but caught between angry political factions.

## DB 1175 A Sandhills Ballad by Ladette Randolph

Mary Needham, a young Nebraska ranch woman, wakes in a hospital from a coma to find that her husband has died in a car wreck and that she has lost a leg. Unable to participate in the ranch work that she loves, Mary chooses to enter into a mismatched marriage with a young preacher, rather than a life spent convalescing. Only after she and her preacher husband have four children and little money does she realize the enormity of her mistake. Then she finds herself embroiled in a controversy involving a local feedlot run by her former in-laws.

DB 1176 Land of Her Own: The Richert Family Saga, Book 3 by Ruth Richert Jones Jake Richert's parents were Hollanders who migrated from Russia to South Dakota in search of religious freedom. Sara's maternal grandparents did the same. After their first buggy ride together, Sara falls in love with Jake. Because she is only fourteen and her parents insist she is too young to be courted, Jake marries someone else. After the couple move away and start a family, Jake's wife dies. Six years later, even though Sara's family has moved to Montana where she establishes her own homestead, Jake drives his team of horses into her yard and resumes his courtship.

**DB 1179 Inspired Recipes from Nebraska by Friends of the Governor's Residence** Over 200 recipes contributed by distinguished Nebraskans reflect the Cornhusker State's heritage. Accompanying information portrays the rich history of the Nebraska Governor's Residence.

# DB 1180 Dear Mr. Musemeche: The Early Years by Peter E. Mayeux

Memoir in the form of letters to his childhood friend about life in New Iberia, LA, during the late 1940s and 50s. Childhood experiences included helping out in his parent's grocery store and in his older brother's feed store, music and dance lessons, football, friendships, family

vacations, and parochial school. Along the way, the author learned hard yet valuable lessons about life, death, dangers, heartaches, and triumphs.

#### DB 1181 The Boob Girls: The Burned Out Old Broads at Table 12 by Joy Johnson

Four widows who share a dining table in their retirement center seek excitement by taking off for parts unknown. They encounter a stray dog that they nurse back to health, and then adopt the male staff of the Ragged Ass Saloon. They find a dead body in the woods, capture the killer, shut down a porn shop, and meet two handsome sheriffs. In the process, they discover there is life after grief.

# DB 1182 The Old Iron Road: An Epic of Rails, Roads, and the Urge to Go West by David Haward Bain

The author chronicles an eight-week road trip which he and his family undertook from Missouri through California to retrace covered wagon trails, the first transcontinental railroad, and the Lincoln Highway. Throughout the seven-thousand-mile trip, the author highlights the dramatic Western terrain and historic locales.

#### DB 1183 Let's Be Reasonable by Joel Sartore

Short essays by a regular contributor to CBS News Sunday range from hunting morale mushrooms to money, from his wife's battle with cancer to restoring old homes. Some essays are humorous; others are series and reflective.

## **DB 1187 Inklings by Jeffrey Koterba**

Political cartoonist for the Omaha World Herald and Tourette syndrome patient grew up with an unstable father who also experienced Tourette's and who felt compelled to pack their small house with broken televisions which he hoped to repair and resell. As a child, the author sought refuge in the Sunday comics. He later studied journalism at the University of Nebraska and established himself as a syndicated cartoonist.

# DB 1189 Big Red Report: 1971 National Champions; 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Issue edited by Shane G. Gilster

Tabbed the best team in 125 years of collegiate football, the 1971 Nebraska Cornhuskers dominated their opponents on both sides of the football. Nebraska claimed its national championship with a 38 to 6 victory against Alabama in the Orange Bowl.

# DB 1190 Orientation and Mobility and Professional Preparation: Celebrating 50 Years by American Foundation for the Blind

The October-November 2011 issue of the Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness is devoted to orientation and mobility. Topics include use of dog guides, electronic travel aids, public transportation, street crossings, global positioning systems, and olfactory and auditory cues.

# DB 1191 Guide to the Nebraska State Capitol: A Journey Through Nebraska History by Nebraska Life Magazine

Completed in 1932 after a decade of construction, Nebraska's third State Capitol was designed to be an outward sign of the character of its people. Its broad base resembles the sweeping plains, and its 400-foot tower symbolizes the greater good of mankind and ongoing effort to reach upward. Artwork outside and inside tell the story of the land and depict the values of its citizens.

#### DB 1192 Have You Seen Mary? by Jeff Kurrus

Set in the Platte River Valley during spring migration, this fictional account tells of one Sandhills crane's faithful search for his lost mate. In addition to telling a tender love story for children, this account teaches about these magnificent birds.

#### DB 1193 Great Decisions 2012 by the Foreign Policy Association

Provides information on thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. 2012 topics cover Middle East realignment, promoting democracy, Mexico, cybersecurity, exit from Afghanistan and Iraq, state of the oceans, Indonesia, and energy geopolitics.

# DB 1194 Three Bodies Burning: The Anatomy of an Investigation into Murder, Money, and Mexican Marijuana by Brian Bogdanoff

Authorities responding to a brush fire on the outskirts of Omaha make a grisly discovery. Three human bodies were burning. Omaha police detective provides an insider's account of an investigation that involved murder, money, and a Mexican drug cartel. Riveting account describes an intense investigation on the part of the homicide unit, crime lab, and DNA analysts that ultimately resulted in successful prosecution within federal court.

## DB 1204 JVI Special Issue on Technology by American Foundation for the Blind

This October-November 2012 special issue examines how pervasively technology is impacting upon service providers dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with visual impairment.

# DB 1208 Great Decisions 2013 by the Foreign Policy Association

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## DB 1221 The Rest of the Way Home by Clyde Burkholder

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